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Ordnance Department of the HVA.

1. Since 10 February 1951, the Ordnance Department of the HVA has supplied a total of 34 HVA schools and Dienststellen with arms and equipment. The stock of arms, including those kept under lock, of each VP Dienststelle (VPD) comprised 300 to 1,600 Soviet model 38 rifles, 400 to 600 model Tokayev submachine guns, 35 to 55 light machine guns, 20 to 30 model Maxim machine guns, 20 mortars of 81.4 mm caliber, 15 to 20 mortars of 120 mm caliber, 6 to 9 Soviet 76.2-mm guns, 2 or 3 armored reconnaissance cars, 9 model T-34 tanks mounting 76.2-mm guns, 3 howitzers of 122 mm caliber, and 1 or 2 howitzers of 152 mm caliber. The stock of ammunition for small arms, which was referred to as "operational ammunition", provided 90 rounds per rifle for each VPD, 60 rounds per submachine gun, 900 rounds per light machine gun, 900 rounds per heavy machine gun, and 1,500 Soviet hand grenades.
2. The posts of the schools and VPDs supplied by the Ordnance Department were the following:

Prora	Grossenhain	Halle	Apolda
Sternbuchholz	Pirna	Naumburg	Erfurt
Eggesin	Leipzig 2	Doebeln	Muehlhausen
Hohenstuecken	Rostock	Loebau	Langensalza
Dobrilugk	Priemorwald	Zeithain	Gotha
Burg	Prenzlau	Potsdam-Niehe	Frankenberg
Weissenfels	Kuechensee	Kochstedt	Zittau
Gera	Gloewen	Quodlinburg	Leipzig 1 *

VPD in Frankenberg.

3. The new-type VPD in Frankenberg consisted of 9 officers ranking from VP Rat upward, 349 officers holding ranks from VP Rat down, 761 non-commissioned officers and 684 enlisted police. The VPD was organized into a headquarters with a guard platoon and a platoon-size band; three infantry Kommandos; one artillery Kommando; and seven Sonderabteilungen. Each infantry Kommando consisted of four rifle Abteilungen, including one assault Abteilung

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equipped with submachine guns and one heavy Abteilung with heavy machine guns and mortars. Each Abteilung consisted of three Zuege, with three Gruppen to a Zug. The actual strength of a Gruppe was one NCO and four enlisted police. The seven Sonderabteilungen were the following:

- a. 1st Sonderabteilung (Reconnaissance) of 2 motorcycle Zuege and 1 Zug with 3 armored reconnaissance cars.
- b. 2d Sonderabteilung (Heavy Mortar) of 3 Zuege with three 120-mm mortars each.
- c. 3d Sonderabteilung (Engineer) of 3 Zuege of 20 police each.
- d. 4th Sonderabteilung (Artillery) of 3 Zuege with three 76.2-mm guns each.
- e. 5th Sonderabteilung (AT Artillery), still without equipment.
- f. 6th Sonderabteilung (AAA), still without equipment.
- g. 7th Sonderabteilung (Armored) of 1 projected heavy tank Zug and 2 existing Zuege with T-34 and T-34/85 tanks.

Personnel for the signal unit of the VPD were still at the school in Pirna. **

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* [] Comment. The list of VP posts agrees with previous information, except for the posts in Bolda and Langensalza, where no VP units have been observed since the time of the VP reorganization.

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* [] Comment. The existence of an artillery Sonderabteilung, in addition to the artillery Kommando, is at variance with the organization of other VPDs. Rather, it is believed that there is a signal-communications Sonderabteilung, instead of an artillery Sonderabteilung, although the personnel for this unit were still receiving training at the VP signal-communications school in Pirna in February 1951.

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